

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6603

Joint Petition of Swanton Village, Inc. Electric)
Department and Citizens Communications Company)
d/b/a Citizens Energy Services, for a Certificate of)
Public Good for the authorization of: (1) the)
relocation of Swanton's existing 46 kV transmission)
line in the Towns of Swanton and Highgate,)
Vermont; and (2) the reconfiguration of two poles on)
Citizens' 46 kV transmission line in the Town of)
Highgate, Vermont, to accommodate clearances for)
Swanton's relocated line)

Entered: 5/8/2002

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD ISSUED
PURSUANT TO 30 V.S.A. SECTION 248

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont this day found and adjudged that the reconstruction and relocation by Swanton Village, Inc. Electric Department ("Swanton") of a 46 kV transmission line from its existing off-road location to a location along Route 78, to be combined with existing electric distribution and telephone facilities onto a single pole line in the Towns of Swanton and Highgate, Vermont, and Citizens Communications Company, d/b/a Citizens Energy Services ("Citizens") reconfiguration of two poles on Citizens' 46 kV transmission line in the Town of Highgate, Vermont, to accommodate clearances for Swanton's relocated line, in accordance with the evidence and plans submitted in this proceeding, will promote the general good of the State, subject to the following conditions:

1. Construction, operation and maintenance of the facilities shall be in accordance with the plans and evidence submitted in this proceeding.
2. Swanton and Citizens shall obtain and comply with all conditions and requirements of all necessary permits and approvals.

3. Swanton and Citizens shall comply with the Stipulation, entered into the record as Exhibit Joint-1, regarding this facility and shall undertake all actions required by that Stipulation.

4. The Board has continuing jurisdiction to ensure that these facilities continue to promote the general good of the state and to meet the criteria set out in or incorporated by 30 V.S.A. § 248, and to resolve any disputes arising under the above-referenced Stipulation.

5. Swanton shall complete the installation of the new distribution conductor to be placed on the facility within a year after the point at which work is completed with respect to placing cable and telephone lines on the facility, and shall energize the project's 46 kV transmission conductor at 46 kV on completion of the new distribution circuit.

6. Within a year after energizing the project's 46 kV transmission conductor at 46 kV, Swanton shall remove the existing cross-country 46 kV facility to be replaced by the project's 46 kV transmission facility. To minimize ground and habitat disturbance, removal shall occur during the winter when conditions indicate that frozen ground and at least six inches of snow are present, and in any event removal shall not occur earlier than December 1 of any year. At least one month prior to pole removal, Swanton shall notify the Agency of Natural Resources ("ANR") District Biologist to discuss and review the proposed methods and access routes for pole removal and to determine if a site visit is necessary.

7. Swanton must complete all work authorized by this Certificate of Public Good within seven (7) years of the date of this Certificate of Public Good. Should any such work remain uncompleted after seven (7) years from today's date, the Board reserves the right to re-review the then-uncompleted aspects of the project with regard to the criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248.

8. This certificate shall not be transferred without prior approval of the Board.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 8th day of May, 2002.

s/Michael H. Dworkin)

) PUBLIC SERVICE

s/David C. Coen)

) BOARD

s/John D. Burke)

) OF VERMONT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: May 8, 2002

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson

Clerk of the Board

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.